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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

DR. Winnington-Ingram died towards the end of last month at the advanced age of eighty-eight and having been Bishop of London for thirty-eight years. He was a Vice-President of St. Dunstan's and visited us on a number of occasions in London during the first World War, and once went to our Brighton Home, where he took a Service which was broadcast.

He had a very strong human sympathy and always wanted to understand a man's viewpoint and share his troubles or pleasures. He had what the newspaper men would call a nose for news, and I well remember one occasion when he visited St. Dunstan's upon which he demonstrated this. He was standing on the terrace at the old house in Regent's Park with a group of men, telling them about his visit to the Grand Fleet in the first war. He had told some joke and all were laughing and in the sunshine they made a splendid picture. Turning to me, he said "Where's the photographer? This is a fine picture for him." His sense of publicity told him that this was so, and he was also concerned to help the photographer in his job. No public figure in the Church caught the eye of the Press photographer to the same extent as the late Bishop of London, and I believe that by bringing the Church and its message which he embodied in his person to the eyes of millions of people through the picture Press, he did much for Christianity.

Once when I was Member of Parliament for North St. Pancras in London, Dr. Winnington-Ingram came to take the service at one of our churches. During the service he changed his garments either twice or possibly three times, I do not remember. But I do remember that talking to him at the reception afterwards I said "Are you High Church or Low Church, Bishop?" His reply was characteristic; he said "I am the Father of all the Churches in my Diocese. I put on whatever vestments they want. It doesn't matter to me and it doesn't affect the word-of God."

He was an Old Marlburian, and I remember him visiting Marlborough College when I was there as a small boy. He married my wife and me in 1918, and more than twenty years later married my daughter and her husband, and a little after that he christened my grandson, Christopher.

By his death St. Dunstan's loses a public figure, who always took a great interest in us, and frequently gave us his blessing, and I lose a family friend.

The Last War

While the 1939-45 war was in progress the words "the last war" obviously meant the 1914-1918 war. But what do the words "the last war" mean now? I suppose we

could say instead "the late war" or "the recent war." I know that the St. Dunstan's REVIEW refers to St. Dunstaners as belonging to "the old war" or "the new war." The other day, speaking at Brighton, I referred to "the first war" and "the second war." Much as I dislike standardisation in general and in speech, it might seem desirable to find the best words in which to describe these two wars to which we must so frequently make reference.

I remember in the early days of the war some official in the War Office invented the name "Local Defence Volunteers—L.D.V." I suppose the name was a correct description, but how unimaginative and clumsy. It required Mr. Churchill, who has a wonderful gift of words, to invent the much simpler and much more pleasing name "Home Guard." It was Mr. Churchill also who told us not to call the terrible noise made by the air-raid siren an "alarm," because, he said, the noise is bad enough to frighten us all and the name "alarm" suggests that we ought to be frightened, whereas in reality that is just the time to keep your head. So he told us to call it the "alert."

There is a lot in a name and I suggest to my St. Dunstan's friends to see if they can do better than "first war" and "second war," or "first world war" and "second world war," or "world war No. 1" and "world war No. 2."

Another thought upon which I should like to comment comes to my mind. The Editor describes a St. Dunstaner as belonging to "the new war" or "the old war." There is some point in this because many readers are undoubtedly interested to know which generation he belongs to. But how long shall we go on with this distinction? Or should we drop it altogether except where the sense of the story makes it absolutely necessary.

Home Guard Service

Ex-Sergeant Major Lowings, a St. Dunstaner, tells me that he served for two years in the Home Guard instructing recruits, looking after the armoury and generally organising and giving advice. It is clear that a man with his experience must have been of great value to the Home Guard in its early days.

Lowings was discharged from the Home Guard after two years' service because the regulations regarding physical standards were tightened up and they could no longer admit a blind man. Accordingly he does not receive the Defence Medal, the qualifying period for which is three years. On the other hand, a Home Guard who was discharged on account of a wound incurred on duty does qualify for a medal.

It is an interesting question whether a claim for special consideration might be put forward in this and similar cases, and I would be glad to know if there are other St. Dunstaners whose circumstances warrant consideration.

Apart from this point, it would be of interest to have a note of each St. Dunstaner who was in the Home Guard, what job he actually did and how long he served. I should also like to know how many received an individual copy of the King's letter of thanks.

"Mr. Kiwi"

Visitor to St. Dunstan's from New Zealand to V.A.D.: "Have you got a fellow called Alan Somervell here?"

V.A.D.: "No. Never heard the name."

Visitor: "I'm sorry. I must have missed him. He was in our lot in Italy."

V.A.D.: "As a matter of fact, we have got one New Zealander here, and his wife's with him, too. Their name is Mr. and Mrs. Kiwi."

IAN FRASER.

St. Dunstaners Meet the King and Queen

A group of St. Dunstaners who were present at a Party at the Overseas Club on Tuesday, May 28th, by the invitation of Lady Forbes, were presented to Their Majesties the King and Queen. The King

and Queen talked for some time to the St. Dunstaners and their escorts, and the King took a great interest in Major Ron Bridges' braille watch.

Those present included A. Baldwin, R. Bridges, Charles Cooper, Jock Innes, W. H. Rathmell, J. Sheridan, Z. Stepek and R. Theobald.

Derby Sweepstake, 1946

One of the most astonishing Derbies—and Derby Sweepstakes—has come and gone. Last year we broke all records by selling 2,774 tickets. This year we reached a new "high" by the magnificent total of 3,008.

The draw was made by Charles Cooper and Des Coupe, at 8 Park Crescent, on Thursday, May 30th, in the presence of Matron Holyoake, Corporal Major Dawkins, and a number of other St. Dunstaners and members of the staff.

The sale of tickets produced £376, and after deducting £10 to cover the cost of printing and postage, a sum of £366 was left to be divided in accordance with the printed rules. The result was:—

1. Airborne £183 0s.
T. Brewer, Preston (707).
2. Gulf Stream £73 4s.
F. C. Fleetwood, Herne Bay (40).
3. Radiotherapy £36 12s.
W. Weedall, Liverpool (829).

Only seventeen of the original twenty-five acceptances went to the post, leaving £73 4s. to be divided between fourteen "also rans." Each runner this year therefore received £5 4s. 7d., and the holders of these tickets were:—

Horse	Name	Ticket No.
Bridle Path	G. LUND, Church Stretton	2250
Edward Tudor	G. EUSTACE, Church Stretton	2232
Fast and Fair	C. CHADWICK, Rochdale ...	2171
Friar Tuck	H. FAULKNER, Netherfield...	1438
Happy Knight	A. McELLIGOTT, Eastbourne	399
Hispaniola	L. R. PAGE, Bromley ...	85
Khaled	J. H. GARDNER, Wifal ...	2827
Massif	S. A. BELSHAM, Broadway	1040
Neapolitan	J. M. COLLEY, Luton ...	984
Peterborough	G. HEWETT, Liverpool ...	2451
Qui Va La	A. J. CAPLE, Cardiff ...	2506
Royal		
Commission	A. CALDWELL, Anglesey ...	1058
Sunstroke	J. E. DAVIES, Llandyssul ...	63
White Jacket	T. GREGORY, Basingstoke...	1022

Those drawing horses which did not start were:—

Aldis Lamp	J. MURRAY, N.11 ...	391
Massicle	E. LAKE, Scarborough ...	135
Master Vote	W. HORSNELL, Taunton ...	2040
Peter Pan	W. C. BRUGGEMEYER, Herne Hill ...	2305
Prefabricated	B. G. WOOD, Brackley ...	1285
Scotch Reel	J. T. WALCH, Hove ...	2873
Sky High	W. HORSNELL, Taunton ...	2038
Starway	W. FOULKES, Bletchley ...	2104

W. WEEDALL, of Liverpool, drew **The Field** (831). We congratulate all the lucky prize-winners, and to the many who were disappointed—better luck next time.

At Epsom

Parties of St. Dunstan's trainees from Brighton and London had a most enjoyable visit to the Derby. The following are the impressions of an Avenue Road member:—

Six in a six-seater, plus a goodly supply of provender! It was a joyous squash! There was Sep Lidiard and Will Rathmell taking up twice their allotted span, with that air of serene complacency men of ample girth invariably assume. Rain was a foregone conclusion with that Manchester man, Bertie Partington, in the car. But we were thankful for Geoff. Preston, our racing expert. Such men are valuable.

It was the usual Derby. Whirligigs, shooting galleries, hoop-la stalls, fortune tellers, five-legged horses, and a thousand other fantastic mysteries. "Girlie" show proprietors and religious revivalists screamed their counter attractions—the broad way, or the narrow. Tipsters bawling and gypsies selling their lucky charms, which surely nobody ever buys. Nowhere else in the world is there so much offered for so little.

Matron Pepall bought a tip. So did I. As a Canadian she may be graciously forgiven. One can only admire her faith. But for me, a good Yorkshireman, there is only shame—and remorse.

The sun broke through the clouds just as a great race began. We were well-equipped for success. We had tips from taverns, tips from friends, and tips from the friends of friends who knew friends of the trainer's wife's sister. And we had—our racing expert.

But alas! No kindly soul had ever told us of Airborne, that low sneaking beast who crept past White Jacket and Happy Knight to destroy our highest hopes.

More races! More losers! Forlornly, we tore up those futile bookmakers' tickets—most useless of pasteboard. Pamela, our tiny V.A.D., daintily dishevelled, stared at our racing expert with a cool eye. And we turned to the refreshment basket as the one solidity left in an uncertain world. After all, you do know where you are with apple turnovers and bottled beer.

Anyway, who expects to win at the Derby? Only those who stay at home!

W.H.R.

Wanted

BABY'S SWING made by a St. Dunstaner.—A. G. Briggs, 61 Heath Road, Norwich.

St. Dunstan's Returns to Ovingdean A Civic Welcome

Climbing to the roof of our beautiful Home on the cliffs at Ovingdean, the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor Walter Clout, on Tuesday, May 28th, broke the blue and gold flag of St. Dunstan's at the masthead. So Brighton officially welcomed us home after six long years away.

His Worship the Mayor had arrived at the Home during the afternoon and was received by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E., President of St. Dunstan's, and Sir Ian Fraser. Lady Fraser, Mr. W. G. Askew, the Commandant of Ovingdean, Air Commodore G. B. Dacre, and Matron D. A. Pain, were also present to welcome the Mayoral party, which included the Mayoress, His Worship the Mayor of Hove, Councillor H. C. Andrews, and the Acting Chief Constable of Sussex, Captain C. Hutchinson.

After the reception, His Worship was conducted over the huge building, where he saw every phase of our training there. Then followed the ceremonial hoisting of the flag, Sir Ian accompanying the Mayor to the top of the building. The party then visited the Dining Hall, where the trainees were at tea, and His Worship the Mayor was introduced by Sir Ian, amidst great applause. "We have come back to Brighton, which is our home," Sir Ian said, welcoming the Mayor, and added "St. Dunstan's is still going strong. It is not part of the health service and there is nothing in the National Health Service Bill, as it stands at present, to offer any benefits, other than pensions, to those who have lost their sight in the service of the country. St. Dunstan's must therefore carry on."

The Mayor then welcomed St. Dunstan's to Brighton. "Everyone in Brighton," he said, "is pleased to see you back again, and we are very proud to have you here."

The Mayoral party then made its way to the Winter Garden, where tea was waiting.

About half of our trainees are now installed at Ovingdean. In August they will be joined by the remainder who are still at Church Stretton, and who comprise roughly the industrial, massage and telephone operating departments.

Advanced Braille Test

Congratulations to F. Warin, of Fencehouses, who has passed the Advanced Braille Reading Test.

Wear Your Badge

Will St. Dunstaners who are to be met at railway stations make a special point of wearing their St. Dunstan's badge. This makes it so much easier for the orderly who is on the look-out for them, and saves valuable time and much inconvenience.

"World Digests" Wanted

The Braille Department at Ovingdean is anxious to obtain two copies of "World Digest" regularly. If any readers would send their copies to Miss Ramshaw when they have finished with them, their kindness would be much appreciated.

The Defence Medal

The Government has approved the award of a Defence Medal. Broadly speaking, the men and women who may qualify for this medal are those who gave not less than three years' service in this country, in those services which carried with them eligibility for war service chevrons. Civil Defence workers, members of the Civil Nursing Reserve, nurses in hospitals for which Government departments or local authorities are responsible, or in the recognised voluntary hospitals, Home Guards, fire guards, and members of the Royal Observer Corps, are among the four million civilians whom it is judged will be eligible for the medal. The time qualification will be counted from September 3rd, 1939, to May 8th, 1945, or to the stand-down of the organisation, if earlier.

Application for the medal must be made on forms obtainable from any post office. Leaflet D.M.1 contains instructions and a list of the categories of those eligible and is issued with the claim form for civilian service.

Those workers for St. Dunstan's who consider that they are eligible for the medal should complete their forms at the earliest possible moment, as the lists will close at the end of August.

If any St. Dunstaner considers that he is eligible for the medal, either by reason of his military service or civilian service, he should get into touch as soon as possible with Mr. Banks at Ovingdean, who will also make the necessary application for any other medals—for instance, the various Campaign Stars—if these have not already come through.

Camp—Important Notice

Entries for Camp must be received by Wednesday, June 26th, at the latest.

Reunions Go On

Since the last REVIEW went to press, Reunions have been held at Ashford, Bournemouth, Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff. At all Reunions, one of the happiest features has been the meeting of the men of the new war with those of the last.

A small but merry party assembled at the County Hotel, Ashford, on May 15th, where Commander Smyth was waiting to welcome them. Everyone was delighted to meet Mrs. Broughton. Another popular visitor was Mr. L. H. Maxted, Chairman of Ashford Branch of the British Legion. A telegram from Sir Ian Fraser sending good wishes for the Reunion and expressing his great pleasure that once again it was possible to hold such a party, was read by Commander Smyth at each Reunion.

The Bournemouth meeting was on May 21st at Bobby's Restaurant, where the guests included Miss Stevens, Area Visitor, Miss Marjorie Stewart and Miss Gwyneth Owen, local Welfare Visitors, and Mrs. Ethel Malone, sister of Matron Boyd Rochfort; Mrs. Malone was herself a V.A.D. at St. Dunstan's in its early days.

On May 23rd Exeter's turn came. Among the guests at the Rougemont Hotel were Col. A. L. Symes, C.B.E., T.D., Chairman of the Exeter Branch of the British Legion, Dr. T. McEwen, Commissioner of Medical Services, M.O.P. (South-West Region), our old friend, Col. Thornton, and Col. and Mrs. Daubney. Major J. C. Maude, K.C., M.P. for Exeter, was unfortunately unable to attend as he was speaking in the House of Commons that day, but he sent his very good wishes to all St. Dunstaners present.

At Bristol, on May 24th, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. James Owen) were the guests of honour, while British Legion friends included Mr. S. Jacobs (County Chairman), Mr. Russell (President, Knowle and Totterden Branch), and Mr. Bishop, of the Bristol Branch.

A Mayoral welcome also awaited us at Cardiff, when the Lord Mayor (Alderman Walter R. Wills, J.P.) was at the Carlton Restaurant to greet the guests and their escorts.

At Colchester, on May 30th, Sister Goodey, Miss Hester Pease, and Mr. W. H. Ottaway were there to meet many old friends and the company also included Mr. H. Taylor, chairman of the Colchester Branch of the British Legion.

At this meeting there was an unexpected pleasure. It so happened that on that afternoon the Freedom of the Borough of Colchester was being conferred upon the Essex Regiment. At the special invitation of the Mayor, all St. Dunstaners at the Reunion were given places of honour at the ceremony. It was a particularly proud day for S. J. Letch, of Hatfield Peveler, and W. Rushen, of Witham, both late of the Essex Regiment.

The National Insurance Bill War Pensions and Allowances

In the February REVIEW, in a summary of the Government Scheme for National Insurance, it was pointed out that the Bill provided that the Minister of National Insurance could make regulations for adjusting the benefits of any person in receipt of a pension or allowance payable out of public funds.

On May 30th, the National Insurance Bill came up for its Third Reading, and in the course of the Debate, Sir Ian Fraser called the Minister's attention to the clause in question, pointing out that by it, very great powers were placed in the Minister's hand. Sir Ian went on:

"Indeed, he could regulate that a person in receipt of a disability pension might thereby be excluded from receiving sickness benefit, old age pension or any other of the benefits under the Bill. . . . I ask the Minister to give us a most solid assurance that it is not his intention to make regulations which would in any way diminish the benefits which are due to disabled soldiers, sailors, airmen and others under the Royal Warrant, Orders in Council, or similar instruments. Perhaps I may ask the House to assent to this principle and to encourage the Minister to tell us that he assents to it also. The principle is that he who pays a full contribution must receive a full benefit."

The Minister of National Insurance, Mr. James Griffiths:

"Let me say that while it is not possible to make a general or, even less, a detailed statement upon this matter, I do want to make it clear that there is no intention to use these powers so as to withdraw from an individual benefits accruing in respect of himself in different contingencies. I will give two examples and must then ask the House to leave the matter there for the moment, and take my word for it that the Government are giving it anxious and urgent consideration. Take a person who is in receipt of a war pension and might sustain an industrial accident. It is not the intention in any way to interfere with the separate basic benefits accruing to him under both schemes. Similarly, a war pensioner or an industrial pensioner under the new National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill becomes entitled in due course to a retirement pension. He can draw both in full. Those are two decisions which are clearly in line with what I have said."

Ovingdean Notes

Greetings to St. Dunstaners everywhere from Ovingdean!

Those who know the building will picture it resounding again to braille dots, strains of music (various), and busy typewriters. Newcomers gladly locate themselves on the 113 stairs by the little blobs on the banister rails at each floor, and cups of tea are handed round the spacious lounge at 10.15 a.m. daily. The trainees arrived on May 16th, 18th and 20th, so that the geography might be learnt in detachments.

First-comers found the braille hut ready, thanks to Herculean efforts of the staff. It stands to the south of the building, is heated with gas radiators, and is light, roomy and certainly airy in the gales that have prevailed since we arrived. Work there began at once under "Killie" and Miss Ramshaw, doing time-tables, etc. The "chippy shop" is also just completed, and "Dick" hopes the heating will be ready in his basket hut in a week. Rugs, leather and weaving are in the building. Huts are materialising for the industrial and boot-repairing departments to come later.

As for the colossal business of the move, no words can describe it. The trainees left Longmynd on a Tuesday and packers came in next day; so only by a miracle of effort, energy and organisation could everything be ready for them. Then all the furniture and equipment from the different houses had to be swiftly packed, moved, re-sorted and arranged here, while workpeople still pervaded the place and paint was not yet dry. It makes one breathless to think of it! All honour to all those who sacrificed their Easter holiday to make it possible. But trainees have settled in comfortably, which is the main point.

Many will have wondered why Miss Lloyd's name was not mentioned above as Head of the Braille Room and "time-tablet," and will miss her quick, light step, "like a mouse," said one! In all her years of selfless service to St. Dunstan's she never spared herself, or thought of leaving her office till every job was finished. For such good friends, so devoted to our cause, we can never be parted in spirit: we give thanks to her, and wish her much happiness ahead.

May 28th saw the official Civic Welcome by the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, of which there is a report elsewhere.

Braille for Blind Germans

A recent ruling of the Censorship Committee of the Allied Control Authority in Germany decreed that Germany's many thousands of blind people would not be allowed to receive braille material through the post, the reason given being that the only person attached to the censorship division who could read braille was a German.

On May 30th, in the House of Commons, Sir Ian Fraser asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster if he would arrange with St. Dunstan's or the National Institute for the Blind to supply a suitable blind person to join the censorship staff in the British zone in Germany so that German blind people might continue to use braille fully for literature and correspondence.

Mr. J. Hynd replied: "Censorship and other difficulties are such that it is not yet practicable to send correspondence in braille through the post to Germany. The matter is being re-examined in consultation with other occupying powers, and the Hon. Member's suggestion, for which I am grateful, will be borne in mind."

News in Brief

Colonel Edwin Baker, of Toronto, St. Dunstaner of the 1914-1918 war and head of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, recently visited Trinidad at the request of the authorities to make recommendations concerning the welfare services for the blind of the Colony.

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J. Gillibrand, of Salford, was one of a Guard of Honour when His Eminence the Cardinal of Westminster visited Belle Vue, Manchester, on May 25th. Two members of his church were chosen, representing the servicemen of two wars.

Marriages

CHARMAN—EVANS.—On May 25th, A. Charman, of South Moulsecombe, to Mrs. Evans, widow of our St. Dunstaner, S. Evans, of Bispham.

HOYLE.—On May 25th, C. Hoyle, of Oldham (new war).

McFARLANE—LAMOND.—On April 23rd, M. I. McFarlane, of Derby, to Mrs. Helen Lamond.

SAYWELL.—On May 25th, P. Saywell, of Leamington Spa (new war).

Brighton Notes

The month opened with a visit from Lady (Arthur) Pearson, who attended a Service in the Chapel on Sunday, May 5th. We were all very pleased to welcome her to West House again.

Later in the month we received a flying visit from Lady Fraser.

The usual round of entertainments has in no way abated.

On Thursday, May 23rd, an impromptu Concert was arranged in the Lounge. Our Master of Ceremonies was Alfred Bright, and he saw to it that things went with a swing! Then the V.A.D.s and Orderlies gave us a short play, called "The House in Fern Road"—a horrible murder!! We have also been given food for thought in the form of various Spelling Bees, Quiz, etc. On Saturday, 11th, the Staff challenged the men to a Spelling Bee and were soundly beaten by 17 points to 14. The Staff team was Matron Ouseley, Sisters Evans, Arnold, Conroy and Furst. The men were represented by Russell, Paddy Cooke (new war), McCann, Ryan and McKinnon (new war). On Saturday, 25th, the Male Staff had their turn on the mat, when the men challenged them to a General Knowledge Quiz and this time the Staff came out on top. Staff team: Commander Paul, Mason, Hales, W. Webster, D. Wright and J. Mitchell. Men's team: W. Shayler, J. Cookson, W. McQuirk, J. Russ, A. H. Robinson, S. Powell.

On Thursday, 30th, we had our second Spelling Bee, when the 1914 war men of West House challenged the 1939-45 war men of Ovingdean. The two houses were represented respectively by A. G. Loveridge, North, Ryan, H. Clevitt, G. Killingbeck, A. H. Robinson, Ginger Henderson; Freddy Warcham, Tommy Powell, Stan Tutton, Dicky Richardson, Ronnie Slade, Chalky White, Venness, Cooper, Jock McKay and Stanley. The new war boys were welcomed by Matron Ouseley on their first visit and celebrated the occasion by winning by 51 points to 45.

The last course on our "Food for Thought" menu was the "Brains Trust," held in the Lounge on Sunday, 26th. The room was filled to capacity and we spent a thrilling evening. We might add that this was the first occasion upon which our new stage was used, and we noticed a great improvement in the acoustics. The

members of the "Brains Trust" were: Mr. Stuart Clark, Mr. W. Dodd, Mr. E. Neve, k.c., Mrs. P. Marlowe, Mr. Curtis-Willson and Mr. D. Whitelaw. Mr. C. Whittaker was our able "Question Master."

One other item of interest which the month has produced is the innovation of a weekly Whist Drive, run by Sister Carter every Thursday afternoon in the Conservatory.

Instructor Jarrald already has eighteen "P.T." braves being energetic, so that every side of St. Dunstan's life is in full swing.

Church Stretton Notes

Though we are now quite a small family, there is still plenty of activity at Church Stretton. There have been the usual number of "social engagements," which have been well patronised and there have been "home and away" dances and socials. Though depleted in numbers, the St. Dunstan's Band still carries on and plays for the Thursday dances. A large party went to Shrewsbury on May 29th to see Bertram Mills' Circus. The tight-rope act was an especially thrilling item. An Informal Concert showed us that a very good proportion of our musical talent is still at Stretton.

We wish good luck to those who have left us recently. Donald Lorenz has gone home awaiting placement as a capstan operator, and Sam Worthington left in April, having trained in assembly. Dennis Tickner started work on May 20th with the Luxury Upholstery Co., Wandsworth, and Ray Sherriff is working on the router with Messrs. G. B. Kent, Ltd., Apsley. Joe Shonfield left on May 21st to work with the Co-operative Printing Works, Reading, as a telephone operator. "Willie" Williamson started work on June 3rd as telephone operator with the Anglo Metal Company, London, E.C., and Harold King left on June 6th to work as a telephone operator with the Luton Gas Company.

Congratulations to the following trainees, who have passed tests in:—

Typing.—G. Durrant, W. Rathmell, J. Brereton, C. Cooke, H. Potts, T. Lydon, D. Juner, S. Lidiard.

Braille Reading (Interline).—G. Mortimer, J. Brereton, S. Lidiard, C. Stafford, K. Johnston-Stewart.

Braille Reading (Interpoint).—J. Chappell, A. Milne.

“In Memory”

Private John Parker, *North Staffordshire Regt.*

We record with deep regret the death of J. Parker, of Wakefield, on March 10th. Although he served from January, 1916, until November, 1918, it was not until March, 1945, that he came under St. Dunstan's care. He was then suffering severely from the effects of gas, in addition to the serious condition of his sight, and as a result he was never able to train.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow, who has nursed him for so long.

Able Seaman Reginald Oswald, *Royal Navy*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of R. Oswald, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Serving with the Royal Navy from 1912 until 1917, he came to us in 1926 with his sight and health severely affected. He was never able to take serious training, and although for a while he had a small business, for a long time before his death, on March 21st, he had been an invalid.

His wife had nursed him constantly and our deep sympathy goes out to her and her daughter.

Private John Thomas Briggs, *4th York and Lancaster Regt.*

With deep regret we record the death of J. T. Briggs, of Sheffield. Wounded at Nieuport in July, 1917, he came to us a few months afterwards and trained as a boot-repairer and mat-maker, but for some time before his death his health had prevented him doing even light work. He passed away in hospital on March 10th.

To his widow and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Driver Robert Tudor, *Royal Army Service Corps*

We record with deep regret the death of R. Tudor, of Farnworth, who became a St. Dunstaner in April, 1918, after being wounded at Salonica. He was never able to take up very heavy work, but did a little poultry farming and light basket-work and wool-rugs. Of late years he had led a very quiet life but his death, on March 2nd, was unexpected.

He was unmarried and our deep sympathy is extended to his sister.

Private Job Evans, *Labour Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of J. Evans, of Walsall. He was discharged from the Army in 1919 with very impaired sight and eventually came under St. Dunstan's care in April, 1923, to be trained as a mat-maker. For years, however, he has done very little work beyond light netting. He had been very unfit for a long while, and after a period in hospital he was admitted to West House, Brighton, in February. He died there on April 23rd and was laid to rest among his comrades in Brighton Cemetery.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Private George Ernest Peters, *Liverpool Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of G. E. Peters, of Liverpool. He served in the 1914-1918 war and as a result his sight was impaired, but he did not come to us until 1943, and he was by then an aged and very sick man. For many months he had been in hospital and he passed away there on April 30th.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Peters.

Private Sidney Isidore Joseph, *Pioneer Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of S. I. Joseph, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a St. Dunstaner of the war which has just ended.

He was discharged from the Pioneer Corps after four years' service with his sight and health seriously damaged. His health prevented him taking any active training and he returned to his own home. Only a week or two before his death he had managed a journey to Brighton, but he died at his home unexpectedly on May 17th.

It is a sad fact that Mrs. Joseph was herself in hospital at the time undergoing an operation and we send our deep sympathy to her and to her child in their trouble.

Births

BENTLEY.—On April 27th, to the wife of F. Bentley, of Birmingham (new war), twin sons, only one of whom survived—Frederick Robert.

FONE.—On March 4th, to the wife of G. Fone, of Ladbroke Grove (trainee), a daughter.

LAWTON.—On May 27th, to the wife of M. Lawton, of Swiss Cottage (new war), a son—Denis Terence.

POTTS (*nee Stanway*).—On May 17th, to Margaret Potts (new war), a daughter.

ROBINSON.—On May 27th, to the wife of A. H. Robinson, of Rayleigh, a son.

SUTTON.—On May 25th, to the wife of P. Sutton, of All Stretton (new war), a daughter.

WHITE.—On May 4th, to the wife of L. A. White, of Finchley (trainee), a daughter—Anne Dorothy.

Death

GARRATT.—We offer our very sincere sympathy to H. Garratt, of Nottingham, whose wife passed away on May 14th.